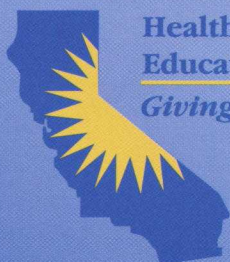




Youth for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Leadership Recognition Program

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The Health Professions Education Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit, public benefit corporation. The Foundation was established in 1987 to provide scholarships and loan repayment grants to California's students and graduates of the health professions.

The mission of the Foundation is to improve access to healthcare in California's medically underserved areas (MUA). The Foundation accomplishes its mission by awarding scholarships and loan repayment grants to health professional students and graduates who are willing to practice in rural and urban MUAs.



The YAPP-LRP seeks to identify and recognize California youth that have been effective leaders in their communities by promoting healthy adolescent sexuality and/or teen pregnancy prevention.

A leader is described as “a first or principal performer in a group,” says Merriam-Webster, and “leadership” as the act of leading. Much of the time, there are those who lead by the manifest of their diligence and dedication, never stopping to even consider themselves as leaders. These are the uncounted heroes who do what they do, not for the concern of glory, but being steadfast in the cause.

Accordingly, the purpose of the YAPP-LRP is to identify leaders and support their success by recognizing their achievements and accomplishments. Youth selected for this recognition will receive a scholarship award of up to \$5,000 per year, for up to 5 years (\$25,000 total) to assist them in pursuing health professional careers (e.g., medicine, ancillary services, dentistry, nursing, mental health, etc).

Awards will be presented in a public ceremony. Award recipients will be afforded travel and accommodations for themselves and one guest to attend the ceremony. Details of the award ceremony will be announced at a later date.

Program Eligibility Requirements

- Be at least 16 years old and possess a high school diploma or the equivalent (for example, a GED), **or**, be at least 18 years old but not older than age 24, by the application postmark deadline.
- Be a United States citizen or permanent resident and a California resident.
- Attend an accredited California vocational school, college or university.
- Maintain at least half-time enrollment (6.0) units for the duration of the health professions program.
- Maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0.
- Be willing to practice direct patient care in a designated MUA* of California for a minimum of two years immediately following graduation from a health professional program. MUAs and facilities are those areas and facilities having been specifically designated as such by the responsible state or federal agency. Not all areas or facilities have received this designation.

*The Foundation encourages potential applicants to review the information on MUAs and facilities of California prior to applying for this award. The information can be requested from the Foundation by calling (800) 773-1669 or (916) 324-6500. This information can also be downloaded from the website at www.healthprofessions.ca.gov. Click on the "MUA Facilities" link and/or the "MUA Census Tract" link to view information that will help you determine whether a facility of interest qualifies. For additional information about MUAs and facilities of California please contact the Foundation.

Application Requirements

A completed application package will consist of the following:

1. **Nomination Letter** – Submission of the nomination letter is required. The nomination letter may be provided by an instructor or faculty member, or from an individual representing an organization for which the applicant has performed paid, volunteer, or community service promoting healthy adolescent sexuality and/or teen pregnancy prevention. The nomination letter must describe the applicant's specific achievements, accomplishments and/or contributions in areas promoting healthy adolescent sexuality and/or teen pregnancy prevention, and any significant impact or outcomes.

Letters of Support - **Optional** - Applicants may submit up to 2 letters of support. Although letters of support are not required, applicants who submit letters of support may receive bonus points. The letters of support should be obtained from persons who have observed your work or who have benefited from services you provided. Each letter must specifically describe the applicant's accomplishment, achievement, and contribution in promoting healthy adolescent sexuality and/or teen pregnancy prevention, and any significant impact of the services provided. Letters of support may not be obtained from the same person who provided the nomination letter.

2. YAPP-LRP Application (including responses to "Personal Statement" questions). Application forms may be obtained by contacting the Foundation office at (800) 773-1669 or (916)

324-6500. Applications may also be downloaded from the Foundations website at www.healthprofessions.ca.gov. Resumes or autobiographies will not be accepted in lieu of the YAPP-LRP Application Form. Please do not bind or submit documents in a loose-leaf binder or portfolio. Securing documents with a binder clip is recommended.

3. Official high school or high school equivalency/ GED transcript, or college transcripts for all institutions attended. Official transcripts must bear the school seal or authorized signature stamp. Photocopies are not acceptable.
4. Color photograph and Release Authorization Form. Applicants must submit a color photograph not larger than 3 1/2 X 5. Photographs will not be returned. Photographs are requested solely for the purpose of honoring award recipients and in no way will be used in the evaluation or selection process.
5. Financial Data. Applicants must submit either "a" or "b" below.
 - a) A complete photocopy of the signed 2002 Federal tax return, including all Form W-2s filed for the applicant's household who were dependent upon the parent's income during current, must submit a copy of the parent's complete and signed current Federal tax returns and all associated W2s.

OR

- b) The 2003-2004 current Student Aid Report (SAR) that shows the applicant's Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

Evaluation Criteria

Preliminary evaluation will be based on information submitted in the application package. Therefore, applicants should complete the entire application form, and review each question carefully to provide direct, clear and concise answers to all questions. An oral interview will be conducted for those applicants who succeed in the preliminary application evaluation phase.

Evaluation criteria to be considered:

- Experiences - Paid, volunteer, and/or community service experiences promoting healthy adolescent sexuality and/or teen pregnancy prevention, including access to family planning services for youth;
- Career Goals - Well defined educational and/or professional goals for the next 5-10 years;
- Academic Performance - Cumulative academic performance and potential for future academic success;
- Family and Community Background - For example, family structure, area(s) where the applicant grew up (e.g., rural, urban, suburban area, MUA, etc.), socioeconomic status of the family, and personal challenges and barriers faced.
- Financial Need - Actual or potential difficulty in completing education in the absence of financial assistance.

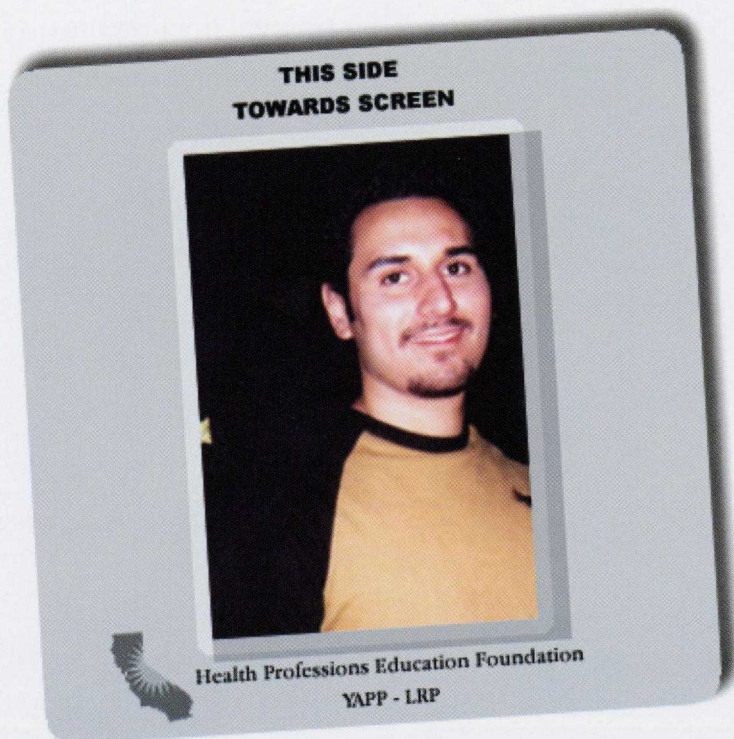
Applications may be obtained from & should be submitted to:

Health Professions Education Foundation
YAPP-Leadership Recognition Program
818 K Street, Suite 210
Sacramento, CA 95814
(800) 773-1669 or (916) 324-6500

To request an application please call the Foundation office. Applications may also be downloaded from the website at www.healthprofessions.ca.gov

Applicants who succeed in the preliminary application evaluation process will proceed to the oral interview/site visit phase. These applicants will be contacted to schedule a mutually agreeable date and time. Applicants will forfeit eligibility if they are unable to complete the oral interview/site visit phase.

The Foundation encourages each applicant to read this program announcement and the eligibility and application requirements very carefully. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that these requirements are met, and to ensure the accuracy and completeness of all documents submitted as part of the application package. We urge applicants to contact our office at (800) 773-1669 or (916) 324-6500 to discuss any questions regarding the eligibility and/or application requirements, before submitting an application.



Miscellaneous Information

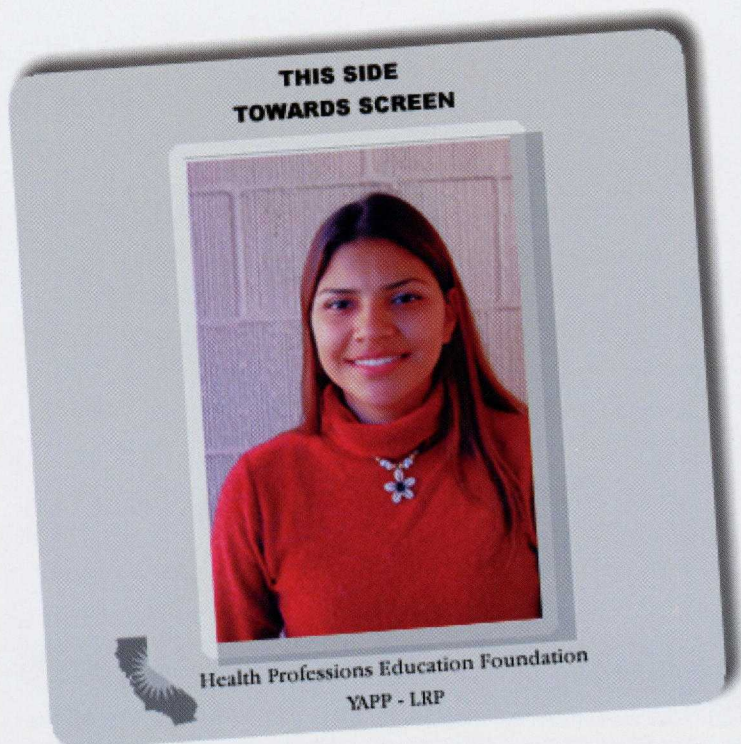
- Selection as a recipient of the YAPP-LRP does not guarantee the recipient employment in a medically underserved area upon graduation. However, all recipients will be required to commit to a contract with the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development. The contract will require the recipient to practice a health profession in a medically underserved area.
- By signing the contract, each recipient within six months of graduation will be required to practice full-time in the health profession for which awarded for a minimum of two years in a medically underserved area or facility in California.
- Unless evidence of emancipation is provided, for recipients under the age of 18 when awarded, a parent or legal guardian will be required to sign all contractual documents on behalf of the recipient, and to accompany the recipient to the awards ceremony.
- Recipients who are unsuccessful in completing the program requirements will be required to repay the funds received.
- Applicants should consult with the school's financial aid office to determine whether receiving this award will effect other financial aid.
- Applicants should consult with a tax advisor to determine whether receipt of scholarship funds must be reported to the state Franchise Tax Board and to the Internal Revenue Service.

- Applicants whose family receives a social service grant of any kind are urged to contact their social service representative to determine whether these funds must be reported, and how receipt of these funds might effect the family's social service grant.

NOTIFICATION AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

All applicants will be notified in writing within eight weeks of the application postmark deadline. Recipients will be presented their awards at the awards ceremony, and will be afforded travel and accommodations for themselves and one guest to attend the ceremony. Details of the awards ceremony will be announced at a later date.

Each applicant is encouraged to make and keep a copy of the completed application package for his/her records.



Frequently Asked Questions

- Q:** If awarded, how long do I have to find a job in a medically underserved (MUA)?
- A:** Recipients must begin their work obligation within 6 months of graduation.
- Q:** What if I am under 18, but I am an emancipated minor?
- A:** Emancipated minors (under age 18) must provide a copy of the emancipation documentation from the court, along with the application.
- Q:** Does the Foundation assist with job placement in a MUA or facility of California?
- A:** The Foundation is unable to assist with job placement. However, the Foundation will provide upon request a partial listing of facilities that are in MUA's.
- Q:** What does the Foundation look at to determine a student's financial need?
- A:** The Foundation will review the applicants 2003-2004 Student Aid Report (SAR) or 2002 Federal tax returns and W2s. For applicants dependent upon parents for support, the parents' 2002 Federal tax forms and W2s for the household must be submitted.
- Q:** May I call the Foundation to ask questions before I file my application or to inquire on the status of my application after I have submitted it?
- A:** Yes. Applicants are urged to call the Foundation prior to submitting an application to ensure that all eligibility and application requirements are met. Applicants may phone the Foundation to inquire on the status of the application-whether it was received or was complete.
- Q:** How soon after the final filing date will the Foundation notify me?
- A:** Applicants will be notified in writing within eight weeks of the postmark deadline.
- Q:** May I be awarded the YAPP/LRP scholarship more than once?
- A:** No. Unlike other Foundation programs, applicants may be awarded the YAPP/LRP scholarship only once. This \$25,000 award however can be used over a 5 - year period.

Q: If I am a current recipient of another Foundation scholarship or loan repayment program, may I apply for the YAPP/LRP scholarship?

A: No. Current Foundation recipients are not eligible to apply for the YAPP/LRP scholarship.

Q: If I am awarded, how will the funds be paid?

A: Upon verification of enrollment each quarter or semester in a California accredited college or university, scholarship funds will be paid 50 percent to the school (in the name of the recipient) and 50 percent to the recipient.

Q: If awarded, will I be required to verify that I am working in a medically underserved area or facility in California upon my graduation?

A: Yes. Within 6 months of graduation, all recipients are required to begin the work obligation and to notify the Foundation of having accepted employment. For the duration of the 2-year obligation period, the recipient will be required to provide a quarterly Verification of Employment form completed by the immediate supervisor or the human resources office.

Q: What if I accept employment that is not in a California MUA?

A: Recipients who are unsuccessful in completing the 2-year service obligation in a medically underserved area or facility in California will be required to repay all scholarship funds received, plus interest and administrative fees.

Q: What if I become unable to complete my health professional education?

A: Recipients who are unsuccessful in completing the health professional education will be required to repay all scholarship funds received, plus interest and administrative fees.

Q: May I request an extension if I cannot obtain all required documents by the postmark deadline?

A: No. Extensions will not be granted. Applicants unable to submit a application and supporting documentation by the postmark deadline may apply during the next filing period.

Q: If I am unsuccessful in getting an award this year, will my application automatically be held over for the next filing period?

A: No. Applicants who are unsuccessful in getting an award during the current filing period must file a new, complete application by the next postmark deadline.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q:** May I apply now if I am not yet 18 and not a high school graduate or I do not have high school equivalency/GED, but I have the required work or community service experience?
- A:** Yes. Applicants under age 18 who have not graduated high school or do not have high school equivalency or a GED may apply. However, these applicants must graduate high school or possess high school equivalency/GED by the postmark deadline.
- Q:** May I apply now if I will graduate high school or possess high school equivalency/GED but I will not be 18 years old by the postmark deadline?
- A:** Yes. However, all applicants under age 18 as of the final filing date must obtain the parent or legal guardian's signature on the application, and, must graduate high school or must possess high school equivalency or a GED by the postmark deadline.
- Q:** May I apply now if I do not know what health professional program I am going to study or what school I am going to attend?
- A:** Yes, however, before scholarship funds may be paid, all YAPP-LRP scholarship recipients must provide verification of enrollment in a health professions education program in California.
- Q:** If I am awarded this scholarship, will this reduce my other financial aid awards?
- A:** Applicants should consult with their financial aid or scholarship office to determine how or whether receiving these scholarship funds will effect any other financial aid awards.
- Q:** If I am awarded this scholarship, will I be required to report the funds on my state and federal taxes?
- A:** Applicants should consult with their tax advisor to determine whether these scholarship funds must be reported to the state Franchise Tax Board and to the Internal Revenue Service.

Q: If I am awarded this scholarship, will I be required to report the funds to social service programs from which I receive assistance?

A: Applicants should consult with their social service representative to determine whether these scholarship funds must be reported, or how these funds might effect any social service grants.

Q: May I apply for the YAPP/LRP if I am a ward of a court/under court supervision, or in foster care?

A: Yes, however, these applicants must obtain the legal guardian's signature on the application. For all applicants who are under age 18 at the time of award, the legal guardian will be required to sign all contractual documents on behalf of the applicant, and, to accompany the applicant to the awards ceremony.

***Note:** The Foundation encourages potential applicants to review the information on medically underserved areas and facilities in California prior to applying for this award, and prior to signing a contract, to determine where opportunities for employment exist in medically underserved areas of interest. The contract, once enacted, is binding. Detailed information on designated medically underserved areas and facilities in California can be requested from the Health Professions Education Foundation office by calling (800) 773-1669 or (916) 324-6500. This information can also be viewed and/or downloaded from the Foundation's website at www.healthprofessions.ca.gov.



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